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Hon. Michael Kubayanda
Chairman
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200 Washington, DC 20268-0001
Re: Docket number: MC2021-78

Dear Chairman Kubayanda,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the impact of moving bound printed matter parcels from the Market Dominant to the Competitive Product category. I know this will dramatically increase the rates for flyers and books that are mailed to schools.

I homeschool my daughter in Monongalia County, WV, and there is no doubt that the additional costs will ultimately be passed on to those purchasing books—students and their families. There are already too many barriers to reading for most families we interact with. They depend on access to affordable books, which the bound printed matter rates provide, that helps teachers close the gap for their lower-income students who normally could not afford higher-priced books.

Typically, in this region more than 30%-40% of the students come from families that don't have the means to create home libraries for their children. Teachers also use low-cost but high-quality books as rewards in their class for children who would otherwise never have a new book of their own. These books, both in the classroom and at home, continue to inspire a love of reading in all students, which has a positive impact on their success in all areas of life.

The pandemic has already had a tremendously negative consequence on many students' learning experience and literacy rates in the United States. The increase in mailing costs of educational materials will make access to children's literature even more difficult. I urge you to deny this transfer, or to exempt educational materials, so that teachers and parents can continue to provide access to affordable, quality books for my child and other students and families. The impact of this change for our school children would be too high a cost to bear.

Sincerely,

Tracy Hill, BSW
Homeschool Mama